

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Weekly Compilation

For UPSC CSE Prelims

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10 PM MCQs (25 May)

Q1. Which one of the following ancient Indian texts contains references to a standardised system of rainfall measurement?

- (a) Arthashastra
- (b) Rigveda
- (c) Natyashastra
- (d) Ashtadhyayi

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Arthashastra, attributed to Kautilya, contains details of a state-administered rainfall measurement system with standardised instruments, defined units, and its use in taxation and drought relief policies. The other texts are not associated with rainfall measurement systems.

Source- [IE](#)

Q2. Mr. X is a District Forest Officer posted in a biodiversity-rich region. A private company has sought permission to undertake mining activities near an elephant corridor. Although the project promises employment opportunities, an internal environmental assessment indicates that the activity may severely disrupt wildlife movement and damage forest ecosystems. Senior officials inform Mr. X that delaying clearance may affect investment inflows into the State.

What amongst the following should Mr. X do now?

1. Approve the project immediately in view of its economic benefits
2. Recommend an independent ecological review before granting clearance
3. Place the environmental concerns before the competent authority for transparent decision-making

Select the answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect.** Immediate approval without proper ecological scrutiny would compromise environmental governance and precautionary principles.
- **Statements 2 and 3 are correct.** Seeking an independent ecological review and placing concerns before the competent authority ensures transparency, accountability, and evidence-based decision-making while balancing development and conservation objectives.

Source- MISC

Q3. With reference to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, consider the following statements:

1. It is headquartered in Beijing, China.
2. Its primary objective is to promote sustainable infrastructure development and regional connectivity in Asia.
3. India is a founding member of the Bank.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: All the statements are correct. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is headquartered in Beijing, China. It was established to support sustainable infrastructure development, regional connectivity, and economic growth in Asia. India is a founding member of AIIB and is also the second-largest shareholder after China.

Source- [ET](#)

Q4. Which of the following organisms are widely regarded as bio-indicators of freshwater ecosystem health?

- (a) Dragonflies
- (b) Houseflies
- (c) Grasshoppers
- (d) Termites

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Dragonflies and damselflies are considered important bioindicators because their life cycle depends on clean freshwater ecosystems. Their decline often signals pollution and degradation of wetlands and water bodies

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. With reference to Lake Kariba, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an artificial lake.
 - 2. It is located in Northern Africa.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** Lake Kariba is an artificial lake on the Zambezi River.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** It is located in Central/Southern Africa along the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Source- [DTE](#)

Q6. With reference to the Bismarck Sea, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, north of Papua New Guinea.
- 2. The sea is connected to the Mediterranean Sea through the Red Sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Bismarck Sea lies in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, adjacent to Papua New Guinea.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It has no connection with the Mediterranean Sea or Suez Canal.

Source: [News9](#)

Q7. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sakura Science Programme:

- 1. It is a Japan-based initiative aimed at promoting scientific and technological exchange among young researchers and students from Asia and other regions.
- 2. The programme is implemented by the Ministry of Science and Technology of India in collaboration with the Indian Embassy in Japan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only

- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Sakura Science Programme promotes international collaboration in science and technology, especially involving youth and researchers.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It is administered by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. With reference to the Himalayan tricarinate hill turtle, consider the following statements:

1. It is a freshwater turtle species native to the Himalayan foothills of India and Nepal.
2. The species is characterized by three distinct keels on its carapace.
3. It is classified as Least Concern on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Himalayan tricarinate hill turtle occurs in the Himalayan foothills, including parts of India and Nepal.

Statement 2 is correct: It derives its name from the three prominent keels (ridges) on the shell.

Statement 3 is incorrect: IUCN Red List: Endangered

Source: [ToI](#)

Q9. The Kachin State, seen in the news recently, is located in?

- a) Myanmar
- b) Ukraine
- c) Philippines
- d) Iran

Answer: A

Explanation: Myanmar

- The Myanmar military's recent offensives have focused on Kachin State, a region rich in heavy rare-earth elements that abuts China, as well as Chin State on the Indian border and a key trade corridor in Karen State, next to Thailand.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA):

1. It aims to promote industrial development by supporting manufacturing clusters and enhancing infrastructure across India.
2. Under the scheme, industrial parks ranging from 100 to 1000 acres will be taken up for development.
3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

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- BHAVYA is aimed at promoting industrial growth, particularly by strengthening manufacturing ecosystems and MSMEs. Under the scheme, industrial parks ranging from 100 to 1000 acres will be taken up for development. However, it is not implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, it falls under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (26 May)

Q1. Mr. A, a municipal commissioner, ensured that government relief materials were distributed equally among all affected communities without any discrimination. Which principle of public administration is best reflected in his action?

- (a) Equity
- (b) Delegation
- (c) Hierarchy
- (d) Discipline

Answer: (a) Equity

Explanation: Equity in public administration refers to fairness, impartiality, and equal treatment in the delivery of public services. Mr. A's action of distributing relief materials without discrimination reflects the principle of equity.

Source- [MISC](#)

Q2. With reference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, consider the following statements:

1. The NPT is legally binding in nature.
2. All permanent members of the UN Security Council are members of the NPT.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The NPT is an international legally binding treaty aimed at preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. All five permanent members of the UN Security Council — the USA, Russia, China, the UK, and France — are members of the treaty and are recognized as nuclear-weapon States under it.

Source- [TH](#)

Q3. Hainan Province, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) East China Sea
- (b) Yellow Sea
- (c) Sea of Japan
- (d) South China Sea

Answer: (d) South China Sea

Explanation: Hainan is China's southernmost province and is a tropical island located in the South China Sea. It is separated from mainland China by the Hainan Strait.

Source- [TH](#)

Q4. With reference to the Public Accounts Committee, consider the following statements:

1. It is the oldest parliamentary committee in India and was established in 1921.
2. The committee is constituted every year.
3. The Chairperson of the PAC is appointed by the President of India.
4. Ministers cannot be members of the PAC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is the oldest parliamentary committee in India, established in 1921. It is constituted annually and consists of 22 members (15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha). The Chairperson is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha, traditionally from the Opposition. Ministers are not allowed to be members of the PAC.

Source- [TH](#)

Q5. Consider the following description:

This plant, native to coastal regions of the Americas and West Africa, was introduced in India for urban landscaping due to its rapid growth and tolerance to heat and saline conditions. It produces characteristic button-like flower clusters and is capable of surviving in brackish environments.

The description given above refers to:

- (a) Rhizophora mucronata
- (b) Conocarpus erectus
- (c) Avicennia marina
- (d) Casuarina equisetifolia

Answer: (b) Conocarpus erectus

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. The Oreshnik Missile, seen in the news recently, is developed by

- a) USA
- b) Israel
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer: D

Explanation:

- The Oreshnik missile is a hypersonic, nuclear-capable intermediate-range ballistic missile developed by Russia.

Source:

Q7. With reference to Ferrocene, consider the following statements:

1. It is an organometallic compound consisting of an iron atom sandwiched between two cyclopentadienyl rings.
2. It is widely used as a primary fuel in commercial nuclear reactors due to its high radioactive stability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: Ferrocene is a classic sandwich compound in organometallic chemistry.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Ferrocene is not used as nuclear reactor fuel; it is mainly used in research, catalysis, fuel additives, and materials chemistry.

Source: [IE](#)

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Q8. Consider the following statements with reference to the Bay Woodpecker:

1. It is a species of woodpecker found in parts of South and Southeast Asia, including northeastern India.
2. It primarily inhabits tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests.
3. It is classified as Critically Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 and 2 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Bay Woodpecker occurs in northeastern India and Southeast Asia.

Statement 2 is correct: It prefers moist evergreen and broadleaf forests.

Statement 3 is incorrect: IUCN Red List - Least Concern

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q9. The Singalila National Park is located in?

- a) Sikkim
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) West Bengal
- d) Uttarakhand

Answer: C

Explanation: West Bengal

- Singalila National Park is located in the Darjeeling district of West Bengal, along the Singalila Ridge near the India–Nepal border. It is famous for the red panda, Himalayan black bear, and panoramic views of Kanchenjunga.

Source: [Mongabay](#)

Q10. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana (PM-AJAY), consider the following statements:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes.
2. The scheme subsumes components of the erstwhile Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana.
3. It is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhuyday Yojana focuses on the economic empowerment and development of Scheduled Castes.

Statement 2 is correct: It merged earlier schemes such as Special Central Assistance (SCA) to SCSP and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (27 May)

Q1. Consider the following statements with reference to a Privilege Motion in the Parliament of India:

1. It is raised when a member believes that a breach of parliamentary privilege has occurred.

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2. A Privilege Motion can be moved only against Members of Parliament.
3. Supplementary questions can be asked during discussion on a Privilege Motion.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- (a) All the three statements are correct.
- (b) There are two correct statements, that include statement 1.
- (c) There is only one correct statement.
- (d) There is no correct statement.

Answer: (c) There is only one correct statement.

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct.** A Privilege Motion is raised when a member feels that a breach of parliamentary privilege or contempt of the House has occurred.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect.** A Privilege Motion is not restricted only to Members of Parliament; it may also be moved against ministers, officials, media persons, or outsiders whose actions are considered a breach of privilege.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect.** Supplementary questions are permitted only in the case of Starred Questions during Question Hour and are not associated with discussions on Privilege Motions

Q2. Consider the following sectors:

1. Manufacturing
2. Mining
3. Electricity
4. Transport

Which of the above are covered under the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) measures short-term changes in industrial output. It covers three sectors — Manufacturing, Mining, and Electricity. The Transport sector is not included under the IIP.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q3. Consider the following description:

This lake, fed by the rivers Meenachil, Achankovil, Pampa, and Manimala, was designated as a Ramsar Site in 2002 and identified under the National Wetlands Conservation Programme. The Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is located on its eastern coast, and the lake is known for hosting migratory birds arriving from Siberia and the Himalayas.

Which of the following lakes is referred to in the above description?

- (a) Loktak Lake
- (b) Kolleru Lake
- (c) Pulicat Lake
- (d) Vembanad Lake

Answer: (d) Vembanad Lake

Source- [DTE](#)

Q4. A Secretary in a government department instructed junior officers to communicate official matters only through the prescribed chain of authority rather than bypassing intermediate levels. This was done to maintain discipline, clarity, and proper flow of communication within the administration.

Which one among the following principles of public administration was most strongly reflected in the above action?

- (a) Unity of command
- (b) Scalar chain
- (c) Delegation
- (d) Equity

Answer: (b) Scalar chain

Explanation: The principle of scalar chain, given by Henri Fayol, refers to the formal line of authority and communication running from the highest to the lowest level in an organization. The officer's insistence on following the prescribed hierarchy reflects the principle of scalar chain.

Source- MISC

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Padma Awards:

1. The Padma Awards have been announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day since their inception.
2. Government servants, including those working in Public Sector Undertakings, are eligible for these awards.
3. The Padma Awards Committee, headed by the Cabinet Secretary, is constituted annually by the Prime Minister to select awardees.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

Answer: (d) 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** because the Padma Awards were not announced during certain years such as 1978–79 and 1993–97.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** because Government servants, including employees of Public Sector Undertakings, are generally not eligible for the awards, except doctors and scientists.
- **Statement 3 is correct.** The Padma Awards Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary and is constituted annually by the Prime Minister to recommend awardees

Source- [TH](#)

Q6. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of unorganized micro food processing enterprises through credit support, training, and technology upgradation.
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme, implemented under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
3. The scheme follows the "One District One Product" (ODOP) approach to promote specialized local food products.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D

Explanation: 1, 2 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: The scheme supports micro food enterprises through formalization, skill training, branding, and financial assistance.

Statement 2 is correct: It is implemented by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme adopts the ODOP approach to develop district-specific food products and value chains.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q7. With reference to the Arkavathi River, consider the following statements:

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1. It is a tributary of the Cauvery River and originates in the Nandi Hills region of Karnataka.
2. The Mokedatu dam is being built on this river.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation: Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: The Arkavathi River originates near Nandi Hills and is a tributary of the Cauvery River.

Statement 2 is correct: The Mokedatu dam is proposed to be built on Arkavathi River (confluent with Caveri river).

Source: [TH](#)

Q8. Which one of the following best describes the 'CLEAR' Platform, seen in the news recently?

- a) A satellite-based imaging system used for monitoring atmospheric pollutants in real time.
- b) A biotechnology platform that enables repeated high-resolution imaging of multiple biomarkers in biological tissues.
- c) A laser-guided navigation platform developed for autonomous underwater vehicles.
- d) A blockchain-based digital framework for secure healthcare data storage and transfer.

Answer: B

Explanation:

- The Cleavable Light-Erased Antibody Reporter (CLEAR) Platform is an advanced biotechnology/imaging technique used for multiplexed visualization of biomarkers in tissues and cells. It enables repeated cycles of staining and signal removal, helping researchers study complex biological systems with high precision.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q9. Consider the following statements with reference to the High-Level Committee on Demographic Change:

1. The committee was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to examine demographic changes arising from illegal immigration and related issues.
2. The committee is headed by the Shri Durga Shankar Mishra (Retired IAS) and has constitutional status under Article 280.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The High-Level Committee on Demographic Change was constituted to study demographic changes linked to illegal immigration and abnormal demographic patterns.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The committee is chaired by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar and is not a constitutional body under Article 280 (which relates to the Finance Commission).

Source: [PIB](#)

Q10. With reference to the Medical Innovations Patent Mitra initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is a centralized, expert-driven platform that supports Patent filing, prosecution, maintenance and transfer of technologies for societal impact.
2. The initiative is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to promote patenting of agricultural biotechnology products.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Medical Innovations Patent Mitra initiative seeks to facilitate patent awareness, filing assistance, and intellectual property support for healthcare and medical innovators.

Statement 2 is incorrect: It has been launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The initiative is guided by NITI Aayog in partnership with the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) and supported by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Source: [PIB](#)

10 PM MCQs (29 May)

Q1. Consider the following pairs regarding Indian Army Commands and their Headquarters:

1. Northern Command — Udhampur
2. Western Command — Bikaner
3. Southern Command — Chennai

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation: Only Pair 1 is correctly matched; the headquarters of Western Command is Chandimandir (Haryana) and that of Southern Command is Pune (Maharashtra).

Source- MISC

Q2. The term "Algoza", recently seen in the news, refers to:

- (a) A traditional folk wind instrument
- (b) A classical dance form of Rajasthan
- (c) A martial art practiced in Punjab
- (d) A traditional irrigation system

Answer: (a) A traditional folk wind instrument

Explanation: Algoza is a traditional folk wind instrument associated with Rajasthan, Punjab, Sindh, and parts of western India and Pakistan.

Source- [News18](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Khajuraho Group of Monuments:

1. The Khajuraho Group of Monuments comprises both Hindu and Jain temples.
2. The temples are known for their Nagara-style architecture and erotic sculptures.
3. Most of the temples were built by the Chandela dynasty.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: All three statements are correct. Khajuraho is renowned for its Hindu and Jain temples, Nagara-style architecture, intricate sculptures, and construction under the Chandela dynasty.

Source- [PIB](#)

Q4. In a government department, an employee receives instructions from both the Finance Officer and the Administrative Officer regarding the same task, leading to confusion and delays in execution.

Which one among the following principles of public administration is being violated in the above situation?

- (a) Delegation
- (b) Unity of Command
- (c) Span of Control
- (d) Esprit de Corps

Ans: (b) Unity of Command

Explanation: The principle of Unity of Command states that a subordinate should receive orders from only one superior. Multiple sources of command can create confusion, conflict, and inefficiency in administration

Source- MISC

Q5. The Justice (Retd.) Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar Committee, recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) Reviewing the implementation of the National Population Policy
- (b) Assessing demographic changes due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes
- (c) Recommending reforms in the Census of India
- (d) Examining inter-state migration of labourers

Answer: (b) Assessing demographic changes due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes

Explanation: The Committee has been constituted by the Government of India to study demographic changes across the country arising from illegal immigration and other abnormal or unnatural causes, and to recommend suitable measures

Source- [NDTV](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

- 1. Thailand
- 2. China
- 3. Laos
- 4. Bangladesh

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Myanmar?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Answer: D

Explanation:

- Myanmar is bordered by India and Bangladesh to the northwest, China to the northeast, Laos and Thailand to the east and southeast, and the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal to the south and southwest.

Source: [TH](#)

Q7. With reference to the Queen Pineapple, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a premium pineapple variety known for its sweetness, low fiber content, and distinctive aroma, and is extensively cultivated in parts of Northeast India.
- 2. Tripura is the largest producer of Queen Pineapples in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C

Explanation: Both are correct

Statement 1 is correct: The Queen Pineapple is known for its pleasant aroma, sweetness, and comparatively low fiber content. It is widely grown in Tripura and other parts of Northeast India and is valued for both domestic consumption and exports.

Statement 2 is correct: Tripura is one of the largest pineapple growing states of India with commercial scale plantations spread across the state's length and breadth.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Shangri-La Dialogue:

1. It is an annual intergovernmental security forum held in Singapore that brings together defence ministers, military chiefs, and strategic experts from across the Indo-Pacific and beyond.
2. The dialogue is organized by the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Shangri-La Dialogue is a premier annual defence and security summit held in Singapore, attended by defence ministers, military leaders, policymakers, and security experts.

Statement 2 is incorrect: The dialogue is organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a London-based think tank, not by ASEAN.

Source: [FirstPost](#)

Q9. With reference to the Abraham Accords, consider the following statements:

1. The Abraham Accords are U.S.-brokered agreements signed in 2020 to normalise relations between Israel and several Arab countries.
2. Bahrain was the first Gulf nation to establish diplomatic ties with Israel under these accords.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Abraham Accords were brokered by the United States in 2020 to normalise relations between Israel and several Arab nations, marking a major diplomatic shift in the Middle East. However, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — not Bahrain — was the first Gulf country to sign the accords and establish official diplomatic relations with Israel.

Source: [TH](#)

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the PM–Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:

1. The scheme aims to provide free electricity to households by promoting the installation of rooftop solar panels.
2. It is expected to benefit 1 crore households across India.
3. The government provides financial assistance in form of subsidy to install rooftop solar panels on residential buildings.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three

d) None

Answer: C

Explanation: All are correct

Statement 1 is correct: PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative. The scheme aims to provide free electricity to households by promoting the installation of rooftop solar panels.

Statement 2 is correct: By March 2025, installations under the scheme are expected to exceed 10 lakh, with the numbers doubling to 20 lakh by October 2025, reaching 40 lakh by March 2026, and ultimately achieving the target of one crore by March 2027.

Statement 3 is correct: The scheme offers a subsidy of up to 40 percent to households, making renewable energy more affordable and accessible.

Source: [NOA](#)

10 PM MCQs (30 May)

Q1. In a drought-prone district, the Government has proposed the construction of a large reservoir to improve irrigation and drinking water supply. However, the project requires the relocation of several villages, leading to protests by affected families. Farmers in downstream areas strongly support the project due to recurring water shortages. As the district administrator, you are required to address the concerns of all stakeholders while ensuring long-term water security.

Consider the following statements with reference to the above:

1. Engaging with affected families and addressing their rehabilitation concerns is essential for building trust.
2. The project should be implemented immediately, as public infrastructure projects must not be delayed by local opposition.
3. Establishing a consultation platform involving villagers, experts, and local authorities can facilitate consensus-building.
4. Conducting a transparent Social Impact Assessment can help stakeholders make informed decisions.

Which of the statements given above would contribute to the resolution process?

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

Explanation: Effective conflict resolution requires stakeholder engagement, dialogue, and transparent assessment of impacts. Statement 2 is incorrect as imposing a decision without addressing legitimate concerns may aggravate the conflict.

Source- MISC

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Nickel:

1. Nickel has been classified as a critical mineral by India.
2. Indonesia accounts for the largest share of global nickel production.
3. In India, the largest nickel resources are found in Jharkhand.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Statement 3 is incorrect. Odisha accounts for about 93% of India's nickel resources, followed by Jharkhand. India currently meets its entire nickel demand through imports.

Source- [livemint](#)

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Hog Deer:

1. It is found across the Indo-Gangetic plains and parts of South and Southeast Asia.
2. It is classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) 1 only

Explanation: The Hog Deer is distributed across the Indo-Gangetic plains and parts of South and Southeast Asia. It is listed as Endangered, not Critically Endangered, on the IUCN Red List.

Source- [IE](#)

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Parole in India:

1. Prison and prison administration are subjects under the Concurrent List of the Constitution.
2. There is no restriction on the number of times a convict may apply for parole.
3. A convict whose parole plea is rejected may approach the High Court.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a) 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Prison and prison administration fall under the State List, not the Concurrent List. There is no restriction on the number of times a convict may apply for parole, and a rejected parole order can be challenged before the High Court.

Source- [IE](#)

Q5. The Salaya Port, recently seen in the news, is located in:

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (b) Gujarat

Explanation: Salaya Port is located in the state of Gujarat, in the Devbhumi Dwarka district along the Gulf of Kutch

Source- [IE](#)

Q6. Consider the following countries:

1. Ukraine
2. Poland
3. Moldova
4. Russia
5. Serbia

How many of the above countries share a land boundary with Romania?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

Answer: B

Explanation: Ukraine, Moldova and Serbia

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- Romania is a country located at the crossroads of Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe. It borders **Ukraine** to the north and east, **Hungary** to the west, **Serbia** to the southwest, **Bulgaria** to the south, **Moldova** to the east, and the Black Sea to the southeast.

Source: [DD News](#)

Q7. With reference to the Chandra River, consider the following statements:

1. It originates from the vicinity of the Baralacha La Pass in Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chandrabhaga River formed by its confluence with the Bhaga River is known as the Beas River in its downstream course.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation: 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: The Chandra River rises near Baralacha La in the Lahaul region of Himachal Pradesh and joins the Bhaga River at Tandi.

Statement 2 is incorrect: After the confluence of the Chandra and Bhaga rivers, the river is called the Chandrabhaga, which enters Jammu & Kashmir and is known as the Chenab River, not the Beas River.

Source: [DTE](#)

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI) for FY 2024–25:

1. The LPPI is released annually by the NITI Aayog as part of the National Logistics Policy.
2. It has been developed under the Sagar Aankalan framework as a national benchmarking mechanism to assess the operational performance of Indian ports.
3. The index evaluates ports handling dry bulk, liquid bulk, and container cargo using indicators such as vessel turnaround time, berth idle time, and container dwell time.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: The LPPI is associated with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and not released by NITI Aayog.

Statement 2 is correct: The LPPI was developed under the Sagar Aankalan framework to benchmark and improve operational efficiency across Indian ports.

Statement 3 is correct: It assesses ports on parameters such as cargo handled, vessel turnaround time, berth idle time, pre-berthing waiting time, container dwell time, and ship berth day output across major cargo segments.

Source: [PIB](#)

Q9. With reference to Babesia infection (Babesiosis), consider the following statements:

1. Babesiosis is caused by a virus and is transmitted exclusively through contaminated food and water.
2. The infection is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of infected ticks.
3. This infection has been responsible for recent lion deaths in Gir forest of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: B

Explanation: 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: Babesiosis is not a viral disease and is not transmitted exclusively through contaminated food or water.

Statement 2 is correct: The disease is mainly transmitted through the bite of infected Ixodes (hard) ticks, the same group of ticks associated with Lyme disease.

Statement 3 is incorrect: Eight lion cubs have died of suspected Babesia parasitic infection in the Gir region.

Source: [IE](#)

Q10. The Operation Chakravyuh, seen in the news recently, is launched by?

- a) Central Bureau of Investigation
- b) National Investigation Agency
- c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
- d) Enforcement Directorate

Answer: C

Explanation: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

- Operation Chakravyuh is an anti-narcotics operation launched by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). Recently, under this operation, the DRI's Cochin Unit carried out coordinated actions in Kerala and seized significant quantities of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances while arresting multiple persons involved in trafficking networks.

Source: [PIB](#)